to all that wait in Sion, for the Conso-
lation of Christ Jesus, is the Word of
Peace and Comfort declared and sent in
this trying day; that all may be comfor-
ted, and in God may rejoyce, and be glad,
who lives for ever and ever.

ntaining Three Letters, Written at three sundry
imes unto the gathered of God, into the Cove-
nant of endless life, &c.

By *William Green.*

O ye chosen of God, and gathered of him out of the
world into the Covenant of Life, and endless Peace!
This is the day wherein God hath brought, and is
bringing the Faith of his children to Tryal: Where-
e now let us lift up our heads in God, and stand in his Al-
ghty Power, that by him we may be preserved in faithful
edience unto the end, that every one may have cause, in
mselves, to say, *This is the good and blessed day of God*;
that all our trials we meet with here, may be a Cause to
ve us nearer and nearer unto the Lord, from whom we re-
ive Life, Comfort, and daily Refreshings, who is a present
lper in time of great Need, and as a Rock to flee unto for
lief, succour and shelter: Yea, he is the fountain and well-
ing of Life, and in him is our Hope, for preservation and
liverance from and out of the hands of our Enemies there-

fore bleſſed are thoſe that put their truſt and confidence in him, ye ſhall have cauſe of great Comfort in the midſt of Afflictions, remaining in each particular: Wherefore now ariſe, and ſhake off all fear, diſtruſt, and unbelief, and look up unto the Lord, who hath begun the good work in our hearts; and although he ſuffers many to be tried, and deeply afflicted on every hand, yet hath he regard unto the upright in heart, and is not ſlack in his promiſes that he made unto us in the days that we cried, and earneſtly breathed to feel of that life, and to be made heirs or partakers of that durable ſubſtance that never will fade away; for largely have we taſted, and abundantly felt of the great love of God unto our immortal Souls; in the feeling whereof, we have been made oftentimes to ſay, Surely, good is the Lord, and greatly to be feared, and had in eſteem for his manifold mercies that have been extended unto us; ſo that we can read back again, and take a full view of what God hath done for us ſince the day we knew him; for he hath rebuked the raging Sea, and cauſed the ſwelling waters thereof, with the Billows that have mounted very high, to ſink and to fall, and he hath made our way plain, and the path ſmooth in which he hath ſet our feet to walk; ſo this is that which remains as the Duty of every particular to do, even to wait upon the Lord, and to walk before him in the beauty of holineſs, in the Land of the Living. O verily Friends, the very conſideration of what God hath done, and is doing, and will do for the upright in heart, hath been as a great weight upon me for the ſpace of ſeveral days, which hath often times filled me with ſpiritual comfort, and inward refreſhings; and this hath oftentimes been the cry, or the voice that hath ſounded through me, ſaying, Lord, thou art our ſtrength, and we have none but thee to put confidence or truſt in, in all ſtates and conditions whatſoever, that we are brought into, for the tryal of our Faith, and the

exercise of our Patience: For this is a certain Truth, and will stand for a Truth for ever, that God will never fail them that wholly depend upon him, although deeply tried, yet he will preserve all, who look with the eye of Faith unto him, even as he preserved and delivered his Servants and People in the days of old; yea, when the flood came *Noah* entered into the Ark, and the rest that were with him, and they were preserved from the Deluge of water that drowned the wicked world, who despised the servants of the Lord, and derided him for doing the thing that he was commanded of God to do. Yea, him that brought *Lot* out of *Sodom*, and delivered *Mordecai*, *Hester*, and the *Jews*, and *David* out of his many troubles, *Shadrach*, *Meshach* and *Abednego*, he upheld in the midst of the flames, and brought forth *Daniel* out of the Lyons Den; who also preserved *Paul* in his dangerous Voyages at Sea; who also made known unto *John*, when he was become as an Exile in the Isle called *Patmos*, for the Word of God, and for the Testimony of Christ Jesus, the things that should come to pass in the last days: he is still the same that ever he was, and never changes, therefore are we alive at this day; for ye know right well, that many in the dayes that are past, sought to work our overthrough, and to bring ruine and desolation upon us, yet never could do it, because God was on our side; but they themselves by so doing, were overthrown, ruinated and made desolate, because they regarded not God, his Truth and People, but set themselves in the bitterness of their spirits, against him and his people; and although the wicked do, and may flourish for a time, as the green Bay-tree, yet they shall wither and pine away, and their memorial shall rot and perish for ever; and no more shall they do unto the least that put their trust in the Lord, then shall make for their good, for the furtherance of his Work unto which he hath called us, and for the glory

of his Name for ever: and although the proud are called happy, and those that work wickedness are set up, and them that tempt the Lord, and oppress you his People, are yet unrewarded for the evil of their doing, which they shall be sure to have when they have done their work; Yet let us wait upon the Lord, in the measure of his life, communicated unto us in the everlasting riches of his love; alwayes watching unto Prayer, pouring forth our Supplications, that by him we may be preserved, and kept unto the end of these trying dayes: for although the Devil is let loose, and rages exceedingly, because the followers of the Lamb will not give their Power, or be subjected unto him, Oh! of this be ye assured, the Lamb and his followers shall have the Victory, and God who hears the cry of the poor, and the sighs of the needy, who make their redress unto him, yea, he that takes an account of the injuries and wrongs done unto his People, whereby their hearts are made sad, and they weep in secret before him, having none else to cry unto, Yea, he I say will bind Satan hand and foot, and chain *Leviathan* at his pleasure: So be not discouraged, nor in the least dismayed, because of the hard sentences of unreasonable men, pronounced upon those whom God hath acquitted, and their innocency will clear for ever: and if many of us should seal our Testimonies, by laying down our lives, in this our native Land, in Prison, upon the Seas, or in other Nations, for the holy blessed Testimony, by Gods Eternal Spirit given unto us, to bear forth amongst this peevish and perverse Generation of People, O it will gain more to the Lord, then if we should live the dayes of *Methuselah* to bear forth our Testimony in words. Therefore all my dear Friends, unto the Word of Gods Power, that lives and will abide and indure the hottest tryal, with patience and content, that ever may or shall come, do I commit my self, you, and all that love his appearance, who cannot deny the many refreshings that we

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have received by him, although we suffer deeply for the same; assuring you that all is and will be well unto the sincere and upright before God. So live in the light, and dwell in the Power that was before wicked men, and unjust Laws, Statutes or Decrees, and will remain when they and the Actors by them shall come to nought.

And thus having signified the love in my heart that is unto you, who retain your integrity, and keep your first love; testifying unto you, that a day of pain, sorrow and anguish, shall come upon the Deceitful and Hypocrites, and Sinners in *Sion* shall be afraid, I take my leave of you, being now something eased, having let forth the streams of my love unto you, who truly love, fear, obey and serve the living God, in whom, my Brethren, my Sisters, and near related Friends, whether at Liberty or in Bonds, for the unchangeable Truth, I wish comfort and consolation, and bid you all Farewel.

London, the 26 of the 12 month, 1664.

Who am a Companion unto all that wait in Sion for the dayly refreshing and showring down of that life that lasts for ever, *Your Friend and Brother*, W. G.

DEar and well-beloved Friends, and Gathered of God into the Covenant of endless life and mercy, which endures for ever in the holy blessed Seed which God hath raised up to bear witness for him amongst this crooked and untoward Generation, and seed of evil doers: Unto you do I send the Salutation and Greeting of my Life, in the bowels of love and mercy. You have I often remembred, and the uprightness of your hearts towards the Lord and his Truth, am I deeply affected with; and this is the cry of my Life, or the Spirit's Voyce within me: *Be Noble, Bold, and Valiant; and in the Dominion of the Life of God, Reign over the world, and the worldly Spirit; both within and without, and dwell in the holy Seed that God hath raised up within*

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you, and is comforting and will comfort you for ever; unto all eternity; and bless all those who stand wholly and freely resigned up unto the will of God; committing of your cause unto him alone who will plead it to the uttermost, and preserve the single-hearted, who rest in his heavenly Will.

O this I say unto you, Keep single unto the Lord; that as the heart of one man, that feeleth of the goodness of him that is living and eternal, which makes it to rejoyce and be glad, ye may rejoyce and be glad, and magnifie his holy Name: So dwell, as a City compact together, whose Builder and Founder is the Lord, and the Gates of Hell shall never prevail against you. And although the Wicked do rejoyce, and the Ungodly boast themselves, as if some great Prize was befallen to them; yea, although the Sea rageth, and the winds blow strongly, it's but for the blowing away of the Chaff; the weighty Seed shall remain, and into the Garner will the Lord gather and preserve it for ever. So look up unto the Lord, and trust in the mighty God, and the Lord will dayly appear amongst you in his life and heavenly power, to the comforting your Souls, and astonishment of the Heathen that neither know you nor the Lord, nor what is your life, nor by what you are supported: Therefore be of good courage, and be not affrighted in the least, because of the noyse of the many waters, and many various cries that are at this day against God, and you his people; but be you strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might; Quit your selves like men for ever; and as for your enemies, after they have done their work which they are come up to do, even as a Mill-stone into the Sea shall they sink into confusion, and perpetual sorrow shall their present rejoycing, (which is but for a time) be turned into: Therefore in that which lives for ever do ye abide and dwell; and ye that are strong, strengthen the weak, and say unto them that are ready to faint, Be of good courage; for he that

hath

hath begun the good work in us, by whom we have been preserved to this very moment, will perfect it to his everlasting praise: although it is confest these are trying times, and perilous, yet is the Lord the same unto us as he was in the beginning, and daily renews his mercies, and continues his wonted favours, and bows down his ear unto the cry of the oppressed, and the sighs of the sufferers, and the groans of the prisoners, for his Name and Truth, he hears and hath regard unto, and he never can forget, nor never will cast off those that make their moan unto him. So, my Friends, in the holy blessed Seed, and Covenant of endless Life, feel the stream of my love, which runneth freely unto you, in the openness of my heart, for the prosperity of *Sions* Seed; and be ye fruitful, ye lively Plants, who are grafted into the stock of Salvation, and abide in the Vine, and keep to the Fountain, that Life may break forth in you, and through you, to the Glory of God for ever, in whom I heartily wish the encrease of all spiritual comforts, and inward refreshings, which flow from the presence of the Father; and in this holy blessed Life, do I reach unto you, and dearly salute you in the Covenant of Life, and endless Peace, and so remain,

Your Friend and Brother in the Truth, as it is in Jesus,

Newsworth in Glocestershire, the 5 of the 12 month, 1664.

William Greene.

DEar and well-beloved Friends, and Heirs of Life and Immortality, and of the Kingdom that never fades away:

Lift up your Heads in the Life of God, that by him alone ye may be preserved, and in him live and dwell, who liveth and abideth for evermore. O ye beloved of the Father, and ye comforted by him day after day, O dwell, dwell, and abide

bide in the Tents of *Jacob*, that the beauty and comelineſs therein ye may behold, and daily drink at the Well of Salvation: for now is the ſtone rolled away, and the Fountain is opened for all the thirſty ones. O Drink, drink your fill, and keep unto the Fountain and Well-ſpring of Life continually; ſo will the bleſſings of God reſt upon you, and his living Preſence, Power and Arm, compaſs you about, and be a Sheild unto you for ever, in the midſt of all tryals, ſtreights and afflictions whatſoever; Therefore rejoyce in God, and give all glory and honour to him who is become our life and ſupport in this the day of our tryal, in which God doth manifeſt himſelf in a miraculous manner, unto the conſolations of his little ones, whoſe truſt and confidence is in him: ſuch he will never fail in the time of great need, but will be as he hath been, and now is, a Tower of Defence, and a Rock of Refuge to flee unto, in this the day of Battle. So, my Friends, be ſtrong in the Lord, and in the power of his might live and reign for ever; ſo will peace be in your habitations, and comfort in your dwelling-places unto all eternity; and your borders God will enlarge, and your ſtrength daily renew: therefore be vigilant and faithful to him in all things. Peace be with you all. Amen.

My Love Salutes you all in the Truth.

Newgate-priſon, *London*, the 1 of the 1 month, 166$\frac{4}{5}$. where I am a Priſoner for the Truth, as it is in Jeſus, for the firſt offence, (ſo called.)

W. G.

Let theſe be ſent abroad, to be read in the Aſſemblies of the People of the true and living God, when they are met together in Gods holy fear.

The End.